## Taxi

Driving taxi

In my twenties;

I played the city

Like a giant monopoly board.

Timing my movements

To maximize my chances,

I profited from predicting the odds.

I went where less liberal,

Fearful drivers would not go.

I could drink half an evening

Telling stories of nights in Seattle.

This was my city at night.

I felt the pulse of the nightspots,
Theaters, bus stations, rib joints,
Bootleggers and after hour clubs.
I knew the streets, the people
And the destinations.
I played the game well,
Enjoying this city that I came to love.

Years have passed.
I no longer know the city.
Some places I do not go.
Timing my travel mostly by day;
I go to few clubs or nighttime destinations.
I traded the night life for days enjoying
Spectacular flowers and daytime beauty.
Seattle and I keep changing
Evolving toward an unknown destination.

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